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In re Application of
WILLIAMSON, et al.
Application No.: 10/009,787
PCT No.: PCT/US00/15178
Int. Filing Date: 01 June 2000
Priority Date: 01 June 1999
Attorney Docket No.: 3177-69131
For: WELDABLE MOUNT FOR FUEL SYSTEMS
COMPONENT

DECISION ON
PETITION UNDER
37 CFR 1.182

This decision is in response to applicants' "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 in Response to The Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371" filed 01 July 2002 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

BACKGROUND

On 05 June 2002, applicant was mailed a "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371" informing applicant that applicant was required to file a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 as the international application listed the first inventor as Nancy AMBURGEY whereas the submitted declaration listed the first inventor as Nancy WILLIAMSON. Applicant was afforded two months to file a proper response.

On 01 July 2002, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the name of the first inventor from Nancy AMBURGEY to Nancy WILLIAMSON due to the marriage. The petition was accompanied by a declaration signed by Nancy WILLIAMSON using both her former name and present name. The \$130 petition fee has been submitted.

DISCUSSION

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure at § 605.04(c) requires in instances where an inventor has changed his or her name after the application has been filed to submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. The petition must include the appropriate petition fee and an affidavit signed with both names setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or certified copy of the court order.

The papers have been reviewed and the papers are accepted.

The declaration submitted on 12 November 2001 and executed by Nancy WILLIAMSON, Thomas BLEASE, Jeffrey DEVALL and Dwight SMITH is accepted.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name from Nancy AMBURGEY to Nancy WILLIAMSON is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 01 June 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **12 November 2001** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for continued national stage processing.



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